

# TOWN OF FREMONT NH 2005 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

**To the inhabitants of the Town of Fremont in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:**

**FIRST SESSION FOR VOTING: TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2005 TO BE HELD AT THE  
FREMONT SAFETY COMPLEX AT 425 MAIN STREET IN FREMONT  
NEW HAMPSHIRE TIME: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM**

Neal Janvrin, Town Moderator Pro-Tem, opened the first session of the 2005 Fremont Town Meeting at 8:00 am at the Fremont Safety complex, 425 Main Street. The town and School Warrants were read. Fourteen absentee ballots that had been received by 1:00 pm were opened and signatures verified. No other absentee ballots were received by 5:00 pm. The polls closed at 7:00 pm and the counting of ballots commenced, with the aid of an Accu-Vote counting machine. Write-in votes were tallied by hand.

Voting totals included 2,001 registered voters on the checklist and 12 new registrants on polling day. There were a total of 486 total votes; including the 14 absentee ballots. The results of the election are as follows:

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. Miscellaneous write-in votes are not reported here. A full election report, including every write-in, is available in the Town Clerk's Office. Write-ins of less than five votes are not accounted for here.

Selectman - 3 years

Peter B Bolduc 290

Brett A Hunter 173

**Peter B Bolduc declared the winner.**

Budget Committee – 2 for 3 years

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Charles D Kimball
209

Andrew P Kohlhofer 160

Kevin R Zukas 297

**Charles Kimball and Kevin Zukas  
declared the winners.**

Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 years

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Annmarie Scribner	388
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**Annmarie Scribner declared the winner.**

Road Agent – 3 years

Guerwood M Holmes 388

**Guerwood M Holmes declared the winner.**

Library Trustee – 3 years

John Hennelly 387

**John Hennelly declared the winner.**

**ARTICLE 2:** Are you in favor of striking ARTICLE IV Section 4 from the Fremont Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning Board recommends this article.

YES - 303

NO - 119

Article passed by ballot vote.

**ARTICLE 3:** Are you in favor of amending **ARTICLE IX Section C. Definitions # 1 and #2c** of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance to read as follows: (1) *Wetlands: means an area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adopted for life in saturated soil conditions.* (2c) **Watershed Protection Area:** Wetlands: shall include that land area within one hundred (100) feet of any designated wetland. *In addition, the protection area shall include "poorly drained" and "very poorly drained" soils and a one hundred (100) foot buffer around these soils.*

The Planning Board recommends this article.

YES - 323

NO - 126

Article passed by ballot vote.

**ARTICLE 4:** Are you in favor of amending **ARTICLE X Second Paragraph** of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance to read as follows: The following regulations in this ordinance shall apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its "Flood Insurance Study for Rockingham County" together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate map of the town dated May 17, 2005 which are declared to be a part of this ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.

The Planning Board recommends this article.

YES - 336

NO - 102

Article passed by ballot vote.

**ARTICLE 5:** Are you in favor of amending **ARTICLE XI Section D. DISTRICT BOUNDARIES # 1. Location** of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance to read as follows: The Aquifer Protection District is defined as the area shown on the map entitled "*Fremont Water Resources Map 2004.*"

The Planning Board recommends this article.

YES - 343

NO - 100

Article passed by ballot vote.

**ARTICLE 6:** Are you in favor of amending **ARTICLE XVI Title** of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance to read as follows: **ELDERLY OPEN SPACE.**

The Planning Board recommends this article.

YES - 327

NO - 113

Article passed by ballot vote.

**ARTICLE 7:** Are you in favor of amending **ARTICLE XVI Section B. GENERAL STANDARDS # 2** of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance to read as follows: *The total number of elderly housing units approved by the Board under this ordinance in the Town of Fremont shall not exceed ten percent of the total dwelling units in the Town of Fremont.* (Explanatory note: for example, the 2000 US Census details 1,201 dwelling units in the

Town of Fremont *therefore allowing 120 elderly units total*). The Planning Board recommends this article.

**YES - 307                      NO - 144      Article passed by ballot vote.**

**ARTICLE 8: By Petition:** "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (SB2, official ballot voting), to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Fremont NH?" To be voted on, at the polls, election day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March 2005. (3/5 Majority Vote required).

**YES - 245                      NO - 232      Article failed by ballot vote.**  
**Needed 3/5 to pass, or 286 votes in the affirmative.**

**SECOND SESSION: SATURDAY MARCH 12, 2005 TO BE HELD AT THE ELLIS SCHOOL AT 432 MAIN STREET IN FREMONT NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**TIME: 5:00 PM**

At approximately 11:30 am the Moderator Pro-Tem Annmarie Scribner indicated that she would call the meeting due to the inclement weather forecast, following consult with Moderator Ray Bernier. A notice stating such was posted at the Fremont Public Library, Town Hall, Safety Complex, Historical Museum, Post Office, Ellis School and at the Fremont Pizzeria, Village Market, Rowe's Gas Station, Jimmy Dean's Diner, and Liberty Square Market. The notice was faxed to WMUR, WZID, and WOKQ. Notices were posted on the Ellis School front sign when the maintenance man arrived later in the afternoon as well.

During the Fire & Rescue Department's weekly tone test, this message was also read on Seacoast Fire.

At 5:00 pm at Ellis School, 432 Main Street, Fremont NH, the meeting was called to order by Moderator pro-tem Annmarie Scribner. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Donald Gates Jr, and Peter Bolduc; Police Chief Neal Janvrin, Town Clerk Lori Holmes, Moderator pro-tem Annmarie Scribner; Joe Dreyer, Helena Dreyer, and Dianne Bolduc.

At 5:05 pm a motion was made by Neal Janvrin and seconded by Peter Bolduc to recess this meeting to Saturday March 19, 2005 at 5:00 pm due to the weather conditions this evening. This vote was approved by voice vote.

At 5:00 pm on Saturday March 19, 2005, the Fremont Town Meeting came to order at Ellis School. Present were Moderator Ray Bernier, Moderator pro-tem Annmarie Scribner; Selectmen Gene Cordes, and Donald Gates Jr; Town Clerk Lori Holmes, Town Administrator Heidi Carlson; and approximately 225 townspeople. Scribner

introduced the head table (as above) and indicated that Selectman Peter Bolduc was not present this evening due to a medical emergency.

Scribner asked Chief Neal Janvrin to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a Moment of Silence for all of our troops and soldiers serving in the US Military.

Ray Bernier called Ray Verley to the front of the room, to recognize and congratulate him on his achievement of Eagle Scout. There was a round of applause.

Selectmen made a presentation to Trudie Butler as the recipient of the 2004 Annual Town Report Appreciation award. Selectmen also made a presentation to Betty Stanley upon her retirement from the Town Clerk's Office after 32 years! Stanley received a standing ovation. Lori Holmes spoke about Betty Stanley as well, thanking her for her many years of dedicated service to Fremont.

Scribner then read an announcement about a function to welcome home the troops beginning at 6:00 pm on Wednesday April 13, 2005 at the Fremont Town Hall. All are welcome!

Scribner then asked if there were any non-registered voters who had not already checked in with her who wanted to speak. At this time, the only non-registered voters who will be speaking are Town Administrator Heidi Carlson and Mike Speltz on behalf of the Forest Society.

Scribner then read the rules of order:

- ◇ To vote, you must be a registered voter with the Town of Fremont.
- ◇ The meeting is to be fair and everyone is to be treated equally.
- ◇ All remarks are to be made through the Moderator.
- ◇ If you wish to speak, raise your hand or go to the microphone and the Moderator will recognize you. Go to the microphone and state your name for the record and ask you question.
- ◇ If you would like to speak, but you have already spoken, let other people with questions have an opportunity for a first question.
- ◇ There will be a four minute time-limit on questions or comments per person.
- ◇ All speakers must be courteous. I will not allow personal attacks or inappropriate language.
- ◇ If there is an amendment on the floor, we will resolve it before we entertain another amendment.
- ◇ No inappropriate remarks or inconsiderate behavior will be tolerated.
- ◇ Action on any amendment will be resolved prior to action on any other amendment.

- ◇ When a motion to call the question is made and seconded that ends discussion of the main motion. This is not debatable and requires a two-thirds vote.

RSA 40:10 allows a vote to be protected against reconsideration. After any vote passes at a meeting, the meeting may then vote to restrict reconsideration of that prior vote or article. If the vote to restrict reconsideration passes, the vote or warrant article that is subject to the restriction is, until final adjournment of that meeting.

If, later in the meeting there is a motion to reconsider the restricted vote or warrant article, and the motion passes, actual reconsideration can't take place until an adjourned session held at least seven days later. The time, date and place at which the reconsideration will occur must be announced before the close of the prior session held at least seven days later. The time, date and place at which the reconsideration will occur must be announced before the close of this session today and must also be published in a newspaper at least two days prior to the reconsideration, so the recessed session would be two weeks from today.

Scribner designated Meredith Bolduc, Mary Wheaton, and Ruth and Roger Anderson to serve as counters when a hand-count was necessary.

Moderator read the results of the election results on Tuesday March 8, 2005. This included all Town and School Officials, seven town articles and one school article.

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) for the purchase of the Glen Oakes land, to protect the Town's rural character and natural resources by conserving land; further to authorize the issuance of not more nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) in bonds and/or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq, as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required.)

The article was moved by Gene Cordes and seconded by Lori Holmes.

Cordes moved to amend the article to add "to authorize the Selectmen to convey certain conservation easements to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests pursuant to an Agreement between the Town and the Society." Kimberly Jones seconded the amendment. **The amendment to Article 9 passed by voice vote.**

Dan Itse asked about whether or not SPNHF could transfer this easement.

Mike Speltz of SPNHF spoke to the question indicating SPNHF has never sold an easement, and never will. They have the authority to do so, but that provision is included in case something terrible should happen to their organization, and easements needed to be transferred to another land trust organization.

Dave Brown discussed a situation in Tyngsboro where the Town is selling conservation land for financial reasons. Cordes said that this would not be allowed because the easement is being granted in perpetuity. Kenn Jones said that if there is an easement on the land that it cannot legally be sold.

Janice O'Brien clarified that the Town would purchase the property and then transfer the easement to SPNHF. Mike Miller asked if something happened to SPNHF, would they then sell the easement or transfer it? Speltz answered that if the Society thought they could no longer do a good job managing the easement or something happened to their organization, the easement can only be transferred or assigned to two types of organizations, such as another governmental unit, or another land trust.

They would not transfer it back to the town, as the easement is what prohibits the land from being subdivided or developed.

Bob Larson, past member of the Planning Board, talked about past economic studies and estimated that this land could support up to 75 dwellings, and indicated that current math would show that it would be an economic plus for Fremont if this land was not developed.

Brian Royer asked residents not to fall victims to the scam. He said there are no currently funded State or Federal grants for projects of this type. He said if this article passes, taxes will go up again, and it will be another bond in addition to the others we already have. If you really want to protect your land, will it to your children or to the Town.

Allen Copp asked about why the Town wasn't purchasing the easement directly, instead of buying the land. Janice O'Brien said that the landowner wants to sell the land

O'Brien then began her presentation by thanking everyone who had helped the Committee to this process. She explained that the intent of this article is to purchase outright 313 acres; and an easement on an additional 25 acres; with a full easement over this entire parcel being granted to SPNHF. The appraised value is \$1,300,000 and the landowner is offering it to the town for \$900,000.

She gave an example, using her own house, indicating it would be approximately \$70 per year increase in taxes or \$5.83 per month. She further listed benefits she felt she and her family would derive from the land. In 20 years, the bond will be paid off. However, if the town does not buy this land, in 20 years there will be houses there and we will still be paying for the homes on the land.

Kenn Jones then discussed the tax impacts since 1990. He cited an 87% increase in taxes likely due to the 64.9 % increase in houses during the same time period. He outlined studies from several other towns which show that development does not save money, and protecting open space does.

Approximately 89 acres of the land is swamp, the rest is buildable. It borders Spruce Swamp, the largest swamp in Rockingham County.

Scott Olsen pointed out the important water issues of this parcel; including that it is a major aquifer, a prime wetland, and a good opportunity to make sure everyone has a decent water supply before we have to spend a lot of money to fix water problems that will happen if development continues in Fremont.

Andrea DeGagne discussed growing up in a big city and said that there were no animals and said that protecting this land is very important, in that she does not want to lose the small town atmosphere that we currently have.

Nancy Fiske spoke in support of the articles tonight and reiterated the issues about water, thanking the current owners for offering this land to the town at a reasonable price.

Ray Verley said that he was a proud supporter of Open Space, and discussed tax issues that are brought on by development, and the increased costs of police, fire, EMT's, etc.

Tracy LaChance, Conservation Commission Chair, pointed out issues regarding taxes, and that when houses go up we pay the costs of services in perpetuity. Paying for the cost of protecting this land will be done after the 20 year bond is paid.

Eric McLaughlin said it was critical to protect this water source, not worth developing it and risking the chance that the water will be disturbed.

Barbara Benham said that she grew up in a small town in New York and that the water in that town is now poisoned because of industry development in the 40's and 50's because they did not understand the ramifications of that development at that time.

Larry Lubowski said they move here because Fremont is a quiet, rural, peaceful town. He referenced the map showing the development going on in Fremont currently.

David Brown discussed other ways in which land can be protected, siting the 100 foot wetland and aquifer setback. Doug Kenyon said that Fremont has been trying to do that for the last several years, and has been faced with lawsuits in the process. The Town cannot stop people from developing their land.

Allen Copp discussed Spruce Swamp and that it is already protected as a Prime Wetland. He said that we would get more pollution from acid rain than from these homes. He discussed recent zoning changes to help protect land as well. He said that everyone here has a home, and inquired what do we have against that?

Reese Bassett said the Town has missed a lot of opportunities like this. Bassett called the question. Lori Holmes seconded.

Moderator Scribner explained that the articles 9 and 10 could be voted at the same time, as there is a separate ballot and ballot box for each; or they could be voted entirely separately with discussion of other articles in between and voting for two separate hour periods. She asked the body for a vote on their voting preference on the two bond articles.

Scribner asked for a vote of the body as to whether they preferred to open the polls for Article 9 and 10 at the same time. YES 139 NO 38

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purchase of land or other property interests therein to protect the Town's rural character and natural resources by conserving land; not more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq, as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Said bonds/notes will be issued on an as needed basis, to acquire easements or open space on parcels as recommended by the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of RSA 36-A:4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved the article and Anne Belliveau seconded.

Kenn Jones said that these two articles had been split up so that the project for Glen Oakes could be considered on its own. He further said that they wanted to have other



funds available for future projects. He said that they will not be spending this money right away because they do not yet have land available.

Andy Kohlhofer reminded voters that the tax rate was raised approximately \$2.17 with the school votes two weeks ago.

Lisa Itse asked if the vote was done now, could the Town “raise my taxes without notice.” Gene Cordes explained the process, indicating that Fremont has never done this before, but outlined the process enabling the borrowing of up to \$1,000,000 with this vote. The authorization happens with this vote, and it is the notice for residents.

Brian Royer asked if this then would create an “open season” on people wanting to sell their land to the Town.

Janice O’Brien explained safeguards on the process, including the Open Space Committee having established working criteria, based on those of other towns and worked with the Forest Society and UNH Cooperative Extension. They would go through this criteria to see if the piece of land would be valuable to the Town then make a recommendation to the Conservation Commission, and hold a public hearing on any proposed purchase in accordance with RSA 36-A.

Patricia deBeer said she believes these articles are about building community and making Fremont a nicer place to live. She said that having this money available would enable Fremont to get more grants. She also asked people to think about what life was like 100 years ago, the automobile just being born, gasoline was a waste product of kerosene, no MTBE in the water, and salt on the roads. She listed several other things which are much different now than many years ago.

Yvonne Ouellette talked about taxes and the fact that they are going up, whether we buy this land or not.

Meredith Bolduc called the question. Gene Cordes seconded. The vote to call the question passed by voice vote.

The polls were declared open for voting on articles 9 and 10 at 6:14 pm.

The polls remained open for one hour as required. At 7:00 pm Scribner called the meeting back to order.

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the purchase of a one ton dump truck with plow and to authorize the withdrawal of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)

from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved the article Anne Belliveau seconded.

Road Agent Guerwood Holmes spoke about the Town's hiring of its first full-time employee, and that led to discovery that the Town needed a truck for this employee to use. The employee gets going every day at 7:00 am needs a vehicle and believes it would be better for the town to own it than to continue renting the road agents' for use.

Holmes then discussed that he would be requesting additional money in the highway operating budget. The Moderator asked him to keep discussion on Article 11.

**Article 11 passed by voice vote.**

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in existing Capital Reserve Funds for the following purposes. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

- a. Police Cruiser \$10,000
- b. Radio Communication Equipment \$5,000
- c. Fire Truck \$12,500
- d. Highway Equipment \$7,500

Gene Cordes moved the article. Ron Wood seconded. There was no discussion.

**Article 12 passed by voice vote.**

**The Moderator read ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved the article. Reese Bassett seconded.

Guerwood Holmes discussed the highway building and the Town's need for a building. He said that the Budget Committee was trying to save money not that they were against the building.

Bob Larson asked about the building and what it would be for. Holmes answered that it would probably be a 2 or 3 bay garage, to get trucks into to be able to work on them. He mentioned equipment problems this year that would have been easier to fix in the

winter months inside a garage. He talked about the growth in Fremont and said that he wants to come back next year with some equipment needs, to possibly issue a bond for highway equipment/improvements.

Anne Belliveau asked if we had the building, would the trucks last longer. Holmes answered that there was a chance vehicles would last longer, but more importantly they needed maintenance and a place to work to fix things.

**Article 13 passed by voice vote.**

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in the existing Playground Equipment & Construction at Memorial Ballfield Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved the article Lori Holmes seconded. There was no discussion.

The voice vote on Article 14 was too close to call. A ballot vote was taken.

**Article 14 passed by card vote.** YES 100 NO 37

At 7:15 pm Scribner announced that the polls on Articles 9 and 10 were closed.

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand five hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$21,559) for the purchase and equipping of a new police cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-one thousand five hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$21,559) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved the article. Betty Rand seconded. Chief Janvrin spoke on the article, indicating a cruiser was purchase every two years and was kept for six years, with two years on the front line, two years as a backup, and two years unmarked.

**Article 15 passed by voice vote.**

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand nine hundred forty dollars (\$4,940) for the purchase of OHRV Safety Equipment and further to authorize the withdrawal of four thousand nine hundred forty dollars (\$4,940) from the Police Department OHRV Equipment Special Revenue Fund for said purchase. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved the article. Ron Wood seconded. Detective Sergeant Reese Bassett spoke to the article, outlining the history of the OHRV patrols and trails usage. He discussed the equipment the article proposes to purchase, including training and the safety and riding equipment that the five active OHRV patrol officers need.

**Article 16 passed by voice vote.**

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$53,500) to shim and overlay paving, and do finish shoulder work on Sawmill Lane, Barrell Run, and Wildwood Drive; and to grade, roll and pave the remainder of Tibbetts Road. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved the article. Ron Wood seconded. Guerwood Holmes said these roads were built in 1986 and have lasted pretty well, but need an overlay. Tibbetts Road was paved the first section a few years ago, and this would complete that project.

**Article 17 passed by voice vote.**

The Moderator announced that the Easter Egg Hunt would be held tomorrow at 10:00 am at the Fremont Safety Complex.

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand six hundred ninety dollars (\$30,690) for the purchase of a Fire Department utility truck and to authorize the withdrawal of thirty thousand six hundred ninety dollars (\$30,690) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved the article. Ron Wood seconded. There was no discussion.

**Article 18 passed by voice vote.**

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 19:** To hear the report of the Budget Committee and take any action the Town deems necessary.

Gene Cordes moved the article Meredith Bolduc seconded. Marc Wood spoke on behalf of the Budget Committee. He outlined the fundamental goals of the budget Committee, by maintaining the operating budget. He said that the Town did a great job of working hard to establish a solid operating budget that was responsible. He said that the 2005 operating budget is 7.2% less than the 2004 operating budget. He discussed the Committee's goal of ensuring that departments were using equipment and tools without duplication. He discussed the Budget Committee variances from the

Selectmen's recommendations, including \$150 for maintenance of a private cemetery; \$3,010 in the Fire Department budget specific to a jam spreader; and \$5,000 for rental fees in the highway department budget, not needed if a new truck was purchased.

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 20:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for general municipal operations, exclusive of all other warrant articles already voted. The Budget Committee recommends two million thirteen thousand one hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$2,013,167) and the Board of Selectmen recommends two million twenty-one thousand three hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$2,021,327). (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved the Budget Committee recommended figure of \$2,103,167. Ron Wood seconded. Guerwood Holmes said that the highway department winter operating budget is almost expended and that he does not have enough to make it through November and December of this year.

Guerwood Holmes moved to amend the budget by increasing it \$20,000 in line 1-4312-003 winter equipment hire. Gene Cordes seconded.

**The voice vote to amend Article 20 passed by voice vote.**

Andy Kohlhofer said that as a member of the Budget Committee this year he was impressed with the town officials and employees and how hard they worked on the budget and the final result, in keeping expenditures down.

The Moderator clarified that the vote now on Article 20 was on the amended operating budget figure of \$2,033,167.

**Article 20 as amended passed by voice vote.**

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to accept deeded title to Kingman Court as designated on Plan # D-31094 from Shawn & Kim Senter, with a two year maintenance bond to be held by the Town in the amount of \$5,000. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved the article Anne Belliveau seconded. Guerwood Holmes told voters where the road was, and said it was built and finished, and he felt it should be accepted.

**Article 21 passed by voice vote.**

The Moderator then read the results of the two bond issue votes, Articles 9 and 10:

Article 9      YES – 189      NO – 74      (174 was the 2/3 majority)

**Article 9 passed by ballot vote.**

Article 10      YES – 166      NO – 96      (173 was the 2/3 majority)

**Article 10 failed by ballot vote.**

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to accept deeded title to the roads in Phase I of the Commerce Park/Tuck Woods subdivision. This includes a portion of Tuck Drive (first 1,940 feet); Ingalls Lane (1,058 feet) and Dexter Court (800 feet). A cash bond to be in place until completion of the remaining work; and a maintenance bond to be in place thereafter as determined by the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Road Agent and Town Engineer. (Majority vote required).

Gene Cordes moved the article. Anne Belliveau seconded. Guerwood Holmes discussed this article and what was needed to complete it. He said that the Developer had made this request, and that the Town would accept it conditional upon all final improvements being completed and inspected, in accordance with an Agreement between the Developer and the Selectmen.

**Article 22 passed by voice vote.**

Moderator Bernier took the microphone and said that in 2004 the Town had four elections, several of which were record-setting for Fremont in terms of turnout. He thanked all of the election workers involved in these elections, for their hard work. These election officials included Barbara Baker, Matthew Thomas, Annmarie Stackpole, Ruth Anderson, Sandra Roy, Susan D'Leon, Roberta Stevens, Lori Holmes, and Elizabeth Stanley. It was pointed out that Bernier was involved in these elections as well.

The Moderator read **ARTICLE 23:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Gene Cordes moved. Reese Bassett seconded the article. Janice O'Brien moved to not reconsider article 9 through 22. Neal Janvrin seconded. The vote passed by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A Holmes  
Town Clerk

Minutes were taken and typed by Heidi Carlson

